

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application.

**Claim of Priority**

The Applicants' thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of the claim for domestic priority to U.S. Pat. No. 6,529,587, filed as U.S. Appl. No. 09/300,109 on April 27, 1999.

**Claims 1-20**

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being obvious over claims 1-18 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,529,587.

Attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims any terminal portion of a patent issuing in the present application beyond the statutory life of U.S. Pat. No. 6,529,587.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection now be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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